

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is shameful that concerned citizens must spend time and worry about being manipulated by big business and a biased government once again.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Airing some unfair "documentary" with such clear ties to one political party days before election reeks of partisanship by the media. It diminishes the power of living in a democracy and puts us much more on the level of a fascist regime. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The airing of this one-sided inflammatory piece right before the election is outright illegal, and you must step in and stop this. This will be the first step in changing the dangerous course that the media is taking America down. This shows why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.